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The SPECTATOR.

Sæpe decem vitiis inſtructior odit & horret. Hor.

Monday, October 22. 1711.

THE other Day as I paſſed along the Street, I ſaw a ſturdy Prentice-Boy Diſputing with an Hackney-Coachman; and in an Inſtant, upon ſome word of Provocation, throw off his Hat and Perriwig, clench his Fiſt, and ſtrike the Fellow a ſlap on the Face; at the ſame time calling him Raſcal, and telling him he was a Gentleman's Son. The young Gentleman was, it ſeems, bound to a Blackſmith; and the Debate aroſe about Payment for ſome Work done about a Coach, near which they Fought. His Mind during the Combat, was full of his Boy's Play; and as he called to him to play with Hand and Foot, and throw in his Head, he made all us that ſtood round him of his Party, by declaring the Fellow his very good Friends, and he could truſt him for untold Gold. As I am generally in Queſt of Mankind, I could not but make ſome Reflections upon the ſudden Popularity which ariſes about the Lad; and perhaps, with my Friend *Tacitus*, fell into Obſervations upon it which were too great for the Occaſion; or applied this general favour to Cauſes which had nothing to do towards it. But the young Blackſmith being a Gentleman was, methought, what procured him good Will from his preſent equality with the Mob about him: Add to this, that he was not ſo much a Gentleman, as not, at the ſame time that he called himſelf ſuch, to uſe as rough Words for his Defence as his Antagoniſt. The Advantage of his having good Friends, as his Maſter expreſſed it, was not lazily urged; but he ſhewed himſelf Superiour to the Coachman in the Perſonal Qualities of Courage and Activity, to confirm the Opinion of his being well Allyed, before his Birth was of any Service to him.

If one might Moralize from this ſilly Story, a Man would ſay, that whatever advantages of Fortune, Birth, or any other Good, People poſſeſs above the reſt of the World, they ſhould ſhew collateral Eminences beſides thoſe Diſtinctions; or thoſe Diſtinctions will avail only to keep up common Decencies and Ceremonies, and not to preſerve a full place of Favour or Eſteem in the Opinion and common Senſe of their Fellow Creatures.

The folly of People's procedure, in imagining that nothing more is neceſſary than Property and ſuperior Circumſtances to ſupport them in Diſtinction, appears in no way ſo much as in the Domeſtick part of Life. It is ordinary to feed their Humours into unnatural Exceſcences, if I may ſo ſpeak, and make their whole Being a wayward and uneaſy Condition; for want of the obvious Reflection that all parts of Humane Life is a Commerce. It is not only paying Wages, and giving Commands, that Conſtitutes a Maſter of a Family; but Prudence, equal Behaviour, with readineſs to Protect and Cheriſh them, is what entitles a Man to that Character in their very Hearts and Sentiments. It is pleaſant enough to Obſerve, that Men expect from their Dependants, from their ſole Motive of Fear, all the good Effects which a liberal Education, an affluent Fortune, and every other Advantage cannot produce in themſelves. A Man will have his Servant juſt, diligent, ſober, and chaſte, for no other Reaſons but the Terrour of loſing his Maſter's Favour; when all the Laws Divine and Humane cannot keep him whom he ſerves within Bounds with Relation to any one of thoſe Virtues. But both in great and ordinary Affairs, all Superiority which is not founded on Merit and Virtue, is ſupported only by Artifice and Stratagem. Thus you ſee Flatterers are the Agents in Families of Humouriſts, and thoſe who govern themſelves by any thing but Reaſon. Make-Bates, diſtant Relations, poor Kinſmen, and indigent Followers, are the Fry which ſupport the Oeconomy of an humourſome rich Man. He is eternally whiſpered with Intelligence of who are true or falſe to him in Matters of no Conſequence; and he maintains twenty Friends to defend him againſt the Inſinuations of one who would perhaps cheat him of an old Coat.

I ſhall not enter into further Speculation upon this Subject at preſent, but think the following Letters and Petition are made up of proper Sentiments on this Occaſion.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am Servant to an old Lady who is governed by 'one ſhe calls her Friend; who is ſo familiar 'an one, that ſhe takes upon her to adviſe her 'without being called to it, and makes her uneaſy 'with all about her. Pray, Sir, be pleaſed to give 'us ſome Remarks upon voluntary Counſellours; 'and let theſe People know, that to give any Body 'Advice, is to ſay to that Perſon I am your Betters. 'Pray Sir, as near as you can, deſcribe that eternal 'Flirt and Diſturber of Families Mrs. *Tapertey*, who 'is always viſiting, and putting People in a Way, as 'they call it. If you can make her ſtay at home 'one Evening, you will be a general Benefactor to 'all the Ladies Women in Town, and particularly to

Your loving Friend,
Suſan Civil.

Mr.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am a Footman, and live with one of thoſe 'Men, each of whom is ſaid to be one of the 'beſt humoured Men in the World, but that he is 'paſſionate. Pray be pleaſed to inform them, that 'he who is paſſionate, and takes no Care to com-'mand his Haſtineſs, does more Injury to his Friends 'and Servants in one half Hour than whole Years 'can attone for. This Maſter of mine, who is the 'beſt Man alive in common Fame, diſobliges Some-'body every Day he lives; and ſtrikes me for the 'next thing I do becauſe he is out of Humour at it. 'If theſe Gentlemen know that they do all the Miſ-'chief that is ever done in Converſation, they would 'reform; and I who have been a Spectator of Gen-'tlemen at Dinner for many Years, have ſeen that 'Indiſcretion does ten times more Miſchief than Ill-'nature. But you will repreſent this better than,

Your abuſed

Humble Servant,

Thomas Smoaky.

To the SPECTATOR,

The humble Petition of *John Steward*, *Robert Butler*, *Harry Cook*, and *Abigail Chambers*, in Behalf of themſelves and their Relations, belonging to and diſperſed in the ſeveral Services of moſt of the great Families within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*;

Sheweth,

'THAT in many of the Families in which your 'Petitioners live and are employed, the ſe-'veral Heads of them are wholly unacquainted 'with what is Buſineſs, and are very little Judges 'when they are well or ill uſed by us your ſaid Pe-'titioners.

'That for want of ſuch Skill in their own Af-'fairs, and by Indulgence of their own Lazineſs 'and Pride, they continually keep about them cer-'tain miſchievous Animals called Spies.

'That whenever a Spy is entertained, the Peace 'of that Houſe is from that Moment baniſhed.

'That Spies never give an Account of good Ser-'vices, but repreſent our Mirth and Freedom by 'the Words Wantonneſs and Diſorder.

'That in all Families where there are Spies, 'there is a general Jealouſy and Miſunderſtanding.

'That the Maſters and Miſtreſſes of ſuch Houſes 'live in continual Suſpicion of their ingenuous and 'true Servants, and are given up to the Manage-'ment of thoſe who are falſe and perfidious.

'That ſuch Maſters and Miſtreſſes who entertain 'Spies, are no longer more than Cyphers in their 'own Families; and that we your Petitioners are 'with great Diſdain obliged to pay all our Reſpect, 'and expect all our Maintenance from ſuch Spies.

'Your Petitioners therefore moſt humbly pray, 'that you would repreſent the Premiſes to all 'Perſons of Condition; and your Petitioners, 'as in Duty bound, ſhall for ever pray, *&c.*

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